

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

MARY E. MERKEL,

Defendant.

**4:13CR3122**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Defendant has moved to continue defendant's change of plea hearing. (Filing No. 36). As explained in the motion, the parties need additional time to engage in plea discussions. The motion to continue is unopposed. Based on the showing set forth in the motion, the court finds the motion should be granted. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED:**

- 1) Defendant's motion to continue, (filing no. 36), is granted.
- 2) The defendant's plea hearing will be held before the undersigned magistrate judge on June 11, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.. The defendant is ordered to appear at this hearing.
- 3) For the reasons stated by counsel in the motion, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by continuing defendant's plea hearing outweigh the best interest of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial. Accordingly, the time between today's date and the district court judge's acceptance or rejection of the anticipated plea of guilty shall be excluded for speedy trial calculation purposes. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

May 14, 2014.

**BY THE COURT:**

*s/ Cheryl R. Zwart*  
United States Magistrate Judge